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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Group Art Unit 2622, Expedited Procedure

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: T. Carter
YOSHIO KIMURA)
: Group Art Unit: 2622
Appln. No.: 09/200,874)
: Filed: November 27, 1998)
: For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
: APPARATUS AND METHOD)
: AND MEMORY MEDIUM) December 13, 2002

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The Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 13, 2002, a timely Notice of Appeal from which was filed on October 15, 2002 (October 13, 2002 having been a Sunday), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a), the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 7, and 9, and 10 to read as follows (a marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is appended):